

from Wayne State University in 1967 and began a long and storied relationship with several cities in the Metropolitan Detroit Area, most notably serving the city of Westland for more than 30 years.

Angelo Plakas had represented the City of Westland since 1992 and was recognized as one of the most knowledgeable municipal attorneys in southeastern Michigan. During his tenure as City Attorney, Mr. Plakas served as an integral part of the economic development of the city with the purpose of making Westland a better place to live and work. Angelo donated much of his time and financial support to many civic organizations in Westland and encouraged others to be likewise involved. He was recognized as the Westland Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 2008. Angelo Plakas helped to form the following non-profit charitable entities: Westland Community Foundation, Westland Historical Society, Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation and S.P.A.R.K. (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids).

Angelo Plakas loved his community and his community loved him. Always mindful of where he came from, Angelo never forgot where he'd been and always endeavored to better the world around him. As an alumnus of Detroit McKenzie High School, Mr. Plakas formed the "Friends of McKenzie" to help raise money needed to continue the athletic programs of his beloved alma mater.

Regrettably, on July 13, 2010, Angelo Plakas passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandra, and his children, Jim and Elaina. Angelo's legacy will continue in the lives of his grandchildren Cameron, Braden, Drew, Emma and Jack. Mr. Plakas also leaves behind his brother Jim.

Madam Speaker, Angelo will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, community leader and friend. Angelo was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Angelo Plakas farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.

#### HONORING MARYLAND TRUCK DEALER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2010*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John "Jack" Saum who was recently honored by his peers within the trucking industry as the 2010 Dealer of the Year by the American Truck Dealers (ATD) and Heavy Duty Trucking. The award recognizes excellence in dealership performance, industry leadership, civic contributions and community service. Mr. Saum is Chairman of the Board of Beltway Truck Companies, LLC, which is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland in my Congressional district.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Saum has been involved in the truck business. He held a series of management positions with International Harvester in the Northeast region of the country before joining Beltway Inter-

national in 1984. Mr. Saum initially served as general manager at the Beltway dealership and assumed the role of dealer principal in 1997 when he purchased the dealership.

Under his leadership, the dealership has grown exponentially from a single point location in Baltimore to seven locations that span eight Maryland counties, the city of Baltimore, five West Virginia counties, one Delaware county and the city of Wilmington.

Mr. Saum is a strong supporter of green technology within the commercial truck industry. His innovative business approach is exemplified in his "A New Truck is a Green Truck" initiative which focuses on environmentally friendly truck technologies. With support from the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA) and Navistar, Mr. Saum led efforts to educate public officials about the environmental and fuel efficiency advantages of new truck design improvements with a focus on new diesel-powered trucks, diesel-electric hybrid trucks, auxiliary power units (APUs) and retrofit programs.

Since Jack Saum became chairperson, the Board of Beltway Truck Companies, LLC has been the winner of multiple awards from Navistar for dealership performance, financing, lease and rental and operations excellence. In fact, Mr. Saum has won a number of individual awards from Navistar for his work, culminating with the award we recognize today.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent Mr. Jack Saum and his employees at Beltway Truck Companies in Baltimore and ask that you join me in congratulating him for this recent honor and for his efforts on behalf of his customers, his fellow business owners and all Marylanders.

Once again, I offer my best wishes to him for continued success in the future.

#### HONORING FRED "UNCLE FRED" BENJAMIN YOUNG

#### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2010*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Mr. Fred "Uncle Fred" Benjamin Young, a constituent in the Congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize him for the tremendous inspiration he provided to the South Florida community.

Mr. Young was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on March 20, 1932 to the late Mr. Charles Young, Sr. and Mrs. Mattie Mae Bryson-Young. After graduating high school, Mr. Young enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was Honorably Discharged after serving four years as a radio operator on B-29 Bomber Aircrafts during the Korean War.

Upon returning home from the military, Mr. Young enrolled at Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina where he earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science. While in college, Mr. Young pledged Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity. Soon thereafter, he moved to New York, New York.

His professional career began when he secured employment in a number of administrative positions for the State and City of New

York. He was later tapped to head one of the largest Anti-Poverty Manpower Training programs—the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Incorporated. He was the Branch manager for the Lower East Side and later the Bronx.

In 1976, Mr. Young relocated to Miami, Florida and held a number of professional positions for the Miami-Dade Public School System. In 1996, he retired as a Data Analyst Manager with the Miami-Dade Schools' Police Department. Upon retirement, Mr. Young served as Administrative Assistant to Dr. Solomon Stinson, Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Public School Board—a position he held until his passing.

Mr. Young was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Young family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Fred "Uncle Fred" Benjamin Young. I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Young for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida community. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. While he will indeed be missed, his legacy will live on and the outstanding contributions he made to the betterment of Miami-Dade County and South Florida will never be forgotten.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

#### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, the House passed H.R. 4899, the Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010. Included in this bill is a rider containing federal law exemptions for an Army Corp of Engineers and Transportation project in Dallas, Texas. As co-chairman of the House Historic Preservation Caucus and member of this Chamber, I want to express my opposition to exemptions like these that circumvent the established legislative process, committees of jurisdiction, and longstanding administrative processes.

Section 405 in Chapter 4 of H.R. 4899 would exempt the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Trinity River Flood Control project in Dallas, Texas, from the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq., and "any highway project" in the "vicinity" of the Dallas Floodway from Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. § 303 and 23 U.S.C. § 138, setting an alarming precedent and undermining our country's national preservation program.

The NHPA establishes preservation as a national policy and directs the Federal government to provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural sites significant in American history, architecture, archeology, or engineering. To comply with the Act, Federal agencies having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal or